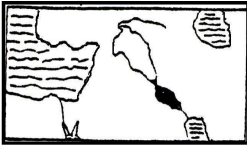


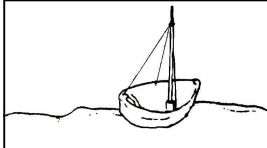
Questions to Ask About a Culture

1. Geography



- Valley between Tigris and Euphrates Rivers
- Mesopotamia- “valley between rivers” - Greek
- Weather much the same as today –hot summers
-cold winters-0 degrees

2. Economics



- Lacked many natural resources (timber, stone, minerals)
- Fertile land for crops
- Groups of people specialized in farming to produce food

3. Religion and Philosophy



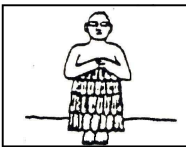
- Worshiped 300 deities
- Believed each deity lived on top of their ziggurat
- Only kings, high priests, military officials allowed in

4. Knowledge, Education, and the Arts



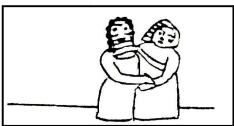
- Only boys in wealthy families went to school
- Students learned arithmetic, reading, writing and religious studies
- School lasted 24 days a month, wrote exams before graduation

5. Political Science



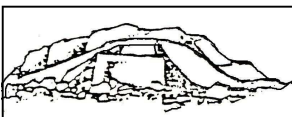
- Settled into city-states (own rules and government)
- Uruk most powerful city-state
- Strong city-states conquered

6. Sociology



- Husbands arranged - education for sons
- marriages for daughters
- Parents gave dowry to daughters (of money and goods)
- Slaves- treated well and fairly because anyone can become one

7. History



- Referred to as “cradle of civilization”
- First known civilization found here
- Country followed pattern of settlement and conquest